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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page of the specification underneath the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a National Stage of PCT/EP2005/000752 filed January 26, 2005 which in turn claims priority from German Application 10 2004 003 958.5 filed January 26, 2004.--